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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of September 22, 2004, Applicants respectfully request consideration of amendments, arguments and a further IDS in the present RCE application filed in accordance 37 CFR §1.114. Applicants petition for a three month extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) and hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge deposit account 50-1922 for the extension as a large entity in addition to any other fees that may be due. Please note that a new Power of Attorney and Statement under 37 CFR§3.73(b) together with a Revocation of the prior Power of Attorney in this case was submitted with the RCE filed August 29, 2003. The further IDS has been necessitated by a consolidation of files as well as recent art cited in related cases.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

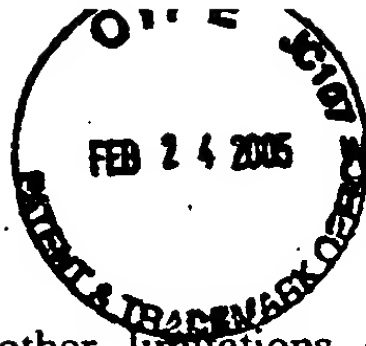
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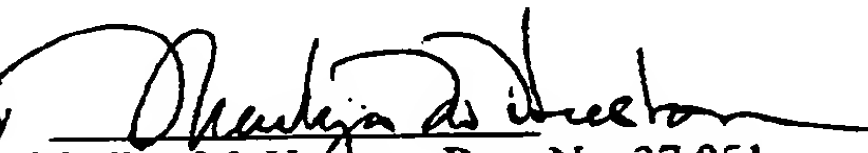


and does not teach or suggest any other limitations of the claims, including plasmid purification, anion exchange, filtration media, static mixing etc. Lee does not teach or suggest static mixing or TMAE anion exchange chromatography and, while referring to filtration generally, does not teach or suggest use of glass fiber and nylon filtration in reduction of endotoxin levels.

Conclusion


For the reasons stated herein, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 23, 33, 37 and 43 are allowable and that the dependent claims are, in turn, also allowable. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the claims at an early date. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees incurred in this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1922. Should the Examiner have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Applicant's attorney at 832-446-2421.

Respectfully submitted,

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